

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
55591(71699)

In Re Application Of: Jeffrey J. Rade, et al.

Serial No.  
09/863,803

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Li, Qian J.

Group Art Unit  
1632

Inventor: **GENETIC ENGINEERING OF VASCULAR GRAFTS TO RESIST DISEASE**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 14, 2002 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: November 14, 2002    until: January 14, 2003  
*Date*    *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26 -	28 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$205.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$205.00

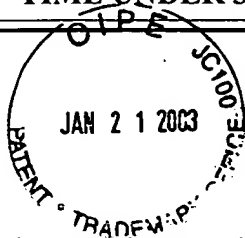
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002 for the above-captioned case, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. The period for response has been extended by the enclosed Petition For Extension of Time and requisite fee.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2 and 13.

Kindly amend claims 1, 7 and 24 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for treating a vascular graft comprising,
- a) introducing into cells of the graft an effective amount of at least one nucleic acid encoding at least one of the following agents: endothelial cell